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My Dear Father in God.—

It has been my wish to see you before this—and to explain to you what progress has been made in the matter of Systematizing our Cuban Church Work. The many Engagements I have been compelled to make in doing this work—have prevented—however—and I must now resort to an explanation by letter— Soon after you left New York I was able to have satisfactory Interviews with the four Bishops who were appointed helpers to this work

And after careful consultation we decide to appoint Committees in the five principle cities - who shall pledge themselves to take a hearty interest in this work - and raise money for the fund of all. I soon held a Meeting at Brooklyn and made a statement of what has been accomplished and explained our needs - Bp Littlejohn then appointed Col. W. H. Webster a Committee of one to act with him in the matter - The Bishop seems to take a hearty interest and so does Col. Webster which is a shield to encouragement to me - to say the least of it - and so I am led to look for help from that quarter - In this city the panic has placed a pall in front of all - for raising aid to anything at this time - Yesterday Bp Potter has appointed a Committee of three to act with

him in regard to Cuba - Committee of Bp's Dix, Morgan and Potter - both these Gentlemen have recently signed their Names to a circular letter - which does not promise much for any work as far as New York is concerned - I do therefore look for immediate help from this place. - On the 13th of this Month I met a Number of prominent Philadelphians at Bishop Stevens' house. I explained our Work to them and the bishop appointed a Committee of five Laymen - and urged that at least 1000 Dollars should be contributed by Phila. for our Work. - On the 20th I met a Number of prominent Bostonians at Boston - Bishop Paddock appointed a Committee of 5 Laymen - and from

the interest manifested. I am glad to believe that Boston will do her duty in this important undertaking of the Church. — I have also seen Bishop Perkins and he has promised to consult with you - and assist his efforts at Washington for us - and throughout the Diocese amongst the Clergy. — On the 22nd inst. I received a long and sympathetic letter from the Incumbent of St Pauls Liverpool - he thinks that he has some money in hand for our Matanzas work. that he has published my statement of the work in general - in the Parochial Magazine - and hopes soon to make a special collection for us. His opinion is - that England cannot help - His letter is very interesting and I hope soon to be able to lay it before you. —

I am assured by Bishops Williams and others that

to return to Cuba while this war trouble is pending - and I am write to ask your advice on this point - and also to ask you whether the course I have adopted meets with your approbation. -

I have much yet to do - I have not yet found the clerical help which I need for the hospital at Havana - and for the Matanzas &c. There are many who will go - but none to whom I may safely trust such work - Please advise me. -

With much love - and daily prayers for myself and this undertaking - I remain Dear Bishop -

Your Son in Xt -

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